



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH

- WHEREAS: Providing students and their families with information regarding educational resources and available support is essential to increasing access to higher education. Gaining a greater understanding of and assistance with federal and state financial aid and the college search and application process helps students overcome common misconceptions of the inaccessibility of a college degree; and
- WHEREAS: Studies show that college graduates enjoy a higher income and better health and are more involved in their local communities. All Georgia citizens deserve the opportunity to pursue higher education, earn a post-secondary credential, and attain meaningful employment; and
- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia and its education agencies work together to better prepare the next generation for the opportunities and challenges of the 21st century. Increasing the number of Georgia citizens pursuing a college degree, including minorities, students from rural areas, and first-generation students is a significant priority; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia Apply to College Month provides an opportunity to increase awareness of higher education opportunities among high school seniors and to provide a supportive forum for students to apply to college; and
- WHEREAS: Georgia Apply to College Month is sponsored by Communities in Schools of Georgia, the Georgia Department of Education, the Georgia Independent College Association, the Georgia Student Finance Commission, the Georgia Partnership for Excellence in Education, the Technical College System of Georgia, and the University System of Georgia. The time of recognition is also endorsed by the Georgia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 2017 as GEORGIA APPLY TO COLLEGE MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF